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The United States pays nearly \$1,000,000 a day to foreign ships for carrying its products.

The heir apparent to the throne of Servia is no longer apparent, having eloped with an actress.

The active Christmas shopper has a little of that "frenzied finance" feeling himself this week.

"The United States," says the Chicago Tribune "will soon be the centre of commerce." Every provincial American believes it is already the centre of the universe.

Why should we send experts to Panama to build the canal when the country is full and running over with editors who know just how it should be done.

A Fairmont man proposes to stop the murder in this State with guns and pistols, by teaching pugilism. Next thing he will be advocating the use of champagne instead of wood alcohol.—Parkersburg State Journal.

Madame Waddington, wife of the distinguished French diplomat, having "dined with dukes" every day that she was not dining with royalty is appalled by the number of "kings" she has met in America. She says "cotton kings, oil kings, steel kings, coal kings" pass in an imposing procession before her in every city she visits.

The United States pays more money every year for transportation of mail than all the other countries of the world combined, but foreign post-offices handle vastly more mail than ours, send it further and over a greater number of post routes and pay less for the service. The reform of this state of affairs will serve to keep Mr. Cortelyou busy when he becomes Postmaster General.

It seems that Senator Depew's reelection to the United States Senate depends upon the course that will be pursued by New York's present governor—Mr. Odell. If the latter throws his support to Senator Depew he will be re-elected, and it is said that he is a Depew man. Governor Odell has not yet announced his preference. Ex-Gov. Black is Mr. Depew's competitor. Gov. Odell is very friendly toward both candidates.

Speaking of the proposed dispensary law for this State the Parkersburg News says: "The Republican papers throughout the State have been discussing this question and practically all agree that the present laws do not go far enough, and that the coming session of the Legislature should either pass the South Carolina dispensary law or the Pennsylvania high license law. It is an assured fact that the present law will not be repealed unless to pass a more stringent one. The saloon-keeper, the Anti-saloon League and the Prohibition party will be given to understand by the Republican majority of the Legislature, which convenes at Charleston next month, that they will take this matter up, do what appears to them to be right and assume all responsibilities."

The Wheeling Telegraph, which thinks a dispensary law would be ruinous to the business of Wheeling, says the discussion of the question "means that a few, to say the least, of the party are intoxicated over the recent victory achieved, and want to even up with those whom it is alleged have been opposed to that organization. There is no sound logic, or good sense, or expressions of human kindness in any such argument. They ought to be satisfied that they have won and not proceed to rub it in on those less fortunate." We are only in favor of rubbing it in on the liquor element—an element that has no politics—an element that will be Democratic to-day and Republican to-morrow. Why in Fairmont, at last spring's municipal election, a large portion of this element joined the Prohibitionists and elected a Prohibition mayor, believing he would be easier than his predecessor, in which belief it was not mistaken. The Telegraph's talk of sound logic, good sense and expressions of human kindness in connection with such an element comes close to being disgusting. The Telegraph confounds the liquor element with the Democratic party. The Wheeling organ is young yet and will learn better. We repeat that the liquor element has no politics, as it is found wherever its interests are supposed to be. This is its record the country over. If making it carry a large part of the tax burdens of the State is rubbing it in, without hesitation we will take the rubber side of the question.

A Man in New Jersey rode a pig to pay a freak election bet. The solitary gleam of almost human intelligence in the transaction was shown by the pig. He ran into a ditch and broke the man's arm. Evidently the pig felt much more keenly than the man the indignity of being made a monkey of.—Baltimore American.

According to the Washington Times the military walk is to be a feminine fad in 1905. To get in proper shape for this walk, according to this authority, the right thing to do is to throw back the shoulders, expand the chest, square the elbows, holding them close down to the sides, lift the feet high and walk.

Ex-Congressman J. K. P. Hall, chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania, will get the honorary vote of his party for United States Senator in the Legislature, which meets next week, if his party is large enough to be visible to the naked eye, remarks the Baltimore American.

The subway fever continues to spread. Apparently Chicago is destined at no distant day to do most of her freight business underground. In fact, we shall all take up our permanent abode there ultimately.—Boston Herald.

The Telegraph sticks to its original proposition that only one State in the Union maintains the dispensary system and that is South Carolina. Isn't that enough to condemn it?—Wheeling Telegraph.

Persons are killed at the rate of one for every day in the year in the New York City streets by vehicles.

Rats give trouble in the London underground railway by eating the rubber insulation off the wires.

In the southern part of California roof gardens are becoming features of all the new buildings.

Watch Party.  
Miss Elba Boyers is arranging a watch party for tomorrow night, which will be given at the home of Dr. Lee Boyers on the South Side. A number of invitations has been issued and a pleasant time is anticipated.

## BOY TRADED

AND THE OLD GENTLEMAN SAYS  
HE WON'T STAND FOR IT,  
HE DOES.

Justice Amos has before him today a case that has many curious phases. It has taken up most of his time to-day, and bids fair to be continued until to-morrow. On the 10th of this month a young man named Tennant, who is employed by the Fairmont Coal Company at Barnstow, borrowed a horse from his father, who resides on Miracle run, in Monongalia county, to use for a few days while the roads were in good shape.

His father came to visit him a few days later, and while here the boy mounted the horse and rode up town to purchase some feed. On Jackson street he met Fred Patton, who had a horse to trade, and the young man decided that it was a better one than he had, so the trade was made.

Returning to Barnstow the boy, who is under age, called his father to the door and asked him what he thought of the trade. The old man was anything but pleased, and told the boy that he was short at least \$70.00 on the transaction. Both came right up to town and the Tennant senior demanded the return of his animal. This was refused him, whereupon he claims he returned to his home and has been too sick to come back to prosecute. There seems to be many sides to the affair, and when the defense gets busy a different impression is likely to be made. T. N. Parks is handling the prosecution, while Harry Shaw represents the defense.

## Successful House Warming.

Mention has been made of the McConaughy house party at Cameron on Wednesday. Below is given an account as found in a paper of that vicinity.

"A large and handsomely appointed reception was given by Mrs. David McConaughy at her home in Cameron yesterday. The affair was given for no honor guest in particular, but was rather in the nature of a house warming, the new McConaughy home being one of the handsomest in the county.

Poinsetta, red carnations, ferns and holly were used in profusion, the Christmas colors also being evidenced in the refreshments and confections.

The hostess, Mrs. McConaughy, wore a beautiful gown of spangled net over blue liberty silk, and was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Guy Michael, of Montana; Mrs. S. F. Dean, of Fairmont; Mrs. D. W. Baird and Miss Lucy Robinson, of Wheeling.

In the library the punch bowl was presided over by Mrs. Jay Cooper, of Wheeling, and Miss Lottie Kincaid, of Cameron. Those assisting in the dining room were Misses Jennie and Nettie McCusky and Miss Maude Davis, of Cameron. Mrs. McConaughy is entertaining a large house party this week, and entertains this evening in honor of her guests.

Miss Laura Williams Entertained.  
At the Tavern last evening Miss Laura Williams entertained at dinner in honor of her cousin, Miss Neil Steele, of Morgantown. Christmas decorations, green and red, were used lavishly and the dinner, a four course affair, was enjoyed by the many young friends of Miss Williams present. Those present were, Misses Nell Steele, Louise Fitch, Lottie Deveny, Louise Cook, Florence Cavender, of Connellsville. Mary Crowell, Vinna Boydston, Zoe Jolliff, Mary Haymond and Hazel McDonald.

Some person will get the brass bed. Coal City House Furnishing Company. Some person will get the Wilton rug. Coal City House Furnishing Company.

## OIL NEWS

Oil men were given another surprise yesterday morning when it was announced that the purchasing agencies had again reduced the credit balance market, making the second 5-cent cut within two weeks. The Ohio and Indiana product was also reduced, as were all other grades.

The quotations as now posted are \$1.50 for Pennsylvania. North Lima is \$1.01 and South Lima and Indiana 90c. The price named for Pennsylvania is 35 cents lower than on the first of the year.

There is nothing in any of the fields in the lower southwest that would indicate that there is a chance for increasing the production of high grade crude. The new quotation will have a tendency to still further curtail field work.

## Light Well at Mannington.

West of Mannington, on Bartholomew run, the Delmar Oil Company has drilled its No. 4 on the J. L. & J. Hays farm through the sand and has a show for a very light producer. When drilled through the hole filled up only 300 feet with oil. This well is located 600 feet due south of No. 2 on the J. L. Beatty farm where the tools were stuck. The same company's No. 2 on the C. S. Pitzer farm is holding up at 172 barrels a day. Trees & Benedictum's No. 1 on the J. L. Holden farm has declined and will be given its first shot.

In the Pine Grove extension in Wetzel county, the South Penn Company has drilled its No. 3 on the S. P. McDougal farm. It is still increasing its production and is now producing 100 barrels a day. The South Penn Company's No. 1 on the Hartman & Gallagher farm is dry in the Big Injun and is now drilling to the Gordon. In the Littleton district, the South Penn Company's No. 7 on the S. Newman farm is holding up at 230 barrels a day.

In the Wallace district, the South Penn Company has drilled its No. 2 on the R. V. Thompson farm through the Gordon and has some gas, but no oil.

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## MANNINGTON

FARED LIKE ALL THE REST EXCEPT THE SCORE WAS HIGHER THAN USUAL.

Mannington received the same treatment at the hands of the Y. M. C. A. basket ball team last night that all others are accorded, only a little more so. The final score was, Fairmont 45, Mannington 11.

"Our own" simply outclassed them at every stage, and the ball would hardly be removed from the basket until it would meet itself going back. While the play throughout was fast, no very rough work was indulged in and no one injured.

Of course Captain Hawley does not claim the championship of the State, but he does profess to have a team second to none in the independent class, and with the exception of a few of the larger schools, does not think that his men can be beaten. It goes without saying that the "Varsity" regulars will beat the locals at Morgantown this evening, for the very simple reason that they are all seasoned players and exceed in weight by many pounds, not to mention the benefit derived from an old professional coach, but at that they will make a better showing than did Mannington last night against a team much lighter.

The regular association men did not participate in the game on account of the stiff contest at Morgantown to-night, and for the most part subs were used.

Hawley was the only regular man to play, and this game gave him a chance to work out a theory that he has been considering for some time, but never has had an opportunity in which he could safely try it. This is a method for shooting goals from the foul line, new, at least, to him.

Heretofore he has used the bank shot exclusively, but last night he tried the clean style and it proved a howling success, he having scored 11 out of 15 chances.

Fairmont, 45. Mannington, 11.  
Watkins.....R. F.....Morgan  
Miller.....L. F.....Williams  
Hawley.....C.....Christie  
Reese.....R. G.....Cummins  
Poling.....L. G.....Mitchell  
Goals from field—Watkins, 4; Miller, 7; Hawley, 5; Reese, 1; Morgan, 2; Christie, 2; from foul—Hawley, 11; Mitchell, 3.

On Saturday afternoon the Midgets and Diamond Heads, two juvenile teams, will play. Admission 10 cents.  
Amos.....R. F.....Cook  
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Amos.....C.....Quinn  
Crowell.....R. G.....Parsons  
Hutchinson.....L. G.....Pitzer

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